

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 185  
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A RESOLUTION to invite the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader, United States Senate, to address a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly on proposed Federal health care reforms, the deductibility of state sales tax from Federal income tax, and underfunded and unfunded Federal mandates.

WHEREAS, the war on terrorism, recent international conflict, and the current underperforming national economy have resulted in a severe economic crisis for most of the several states; in attempting to meet serious budget shortfalls, the states must closely examine every option to improve their fiscal conditions; and

WHEREAS, among the foremost concerns for the states are the soaring cost of health care and the crisis in furnishing affordable health care to the neediest citizens, the lack of fairness in denying deductibility of state sales tax from Federal income tax to the citizens of those states lacking a personal income tax, and the unreasonable burden imposed on struggling states by underfunded and unfunded Federal mandates; and

WHEREAS, the importance of communication among members of the United States Congress and the legislative bodies of the several states cannot be understated; cooperative efforts to meet the needs of the nation without unduly burdening the constituent states should be a goal of public officials at every level of government; and

WHEREAS, as Majority Leader of the United States Senate, the Honorable Bill Frist is in a unique position to facilitate needed communication between the U.S. Congress and the Tennessee General Assembly on matters of mutual concern that impact the economic condition of every citizen of this State and of the United States; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we invite the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the United States Senate, to address a joint convention of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Tennessee General Assembly in the chamber of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol in Nashville, such to include the following subjects:

1. The scope and content of proposed Federal health care reforms.
2. Federal legislation to permit the deductibility of state sales tax from Federal income tax for citizens of those states not having a personal income tax.
3. The curbing of underfunded and unfunded Federal mandates to the states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the date and time of such address shall be set at the mutual convenience of Senator Frist and the Tennessee General Assembly contingent upon his acceptance of this invitation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be sent to the Honorable Bill Frist, Majority Leader of the United States Senate.